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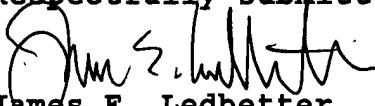
Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the JP '503 reference listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This reference has already been cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 29, 2000. A translation of this art is submitted herewith.

Applicants present this art so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104 and 106.

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Applicants respectfully request that this art be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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